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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Change of Form.—At the request of many of those most interested in **THE HEBREW STUDENT**, it has been decided to change its form. We trust that the change will be agreeable to all. The present form, as will be seen, is more expensive. The necessity of using better paper increases considerably the cost. We issue this month a 32 page number. It will be increased to 48 pages if the sympathy of those who ought to aid in such an enterprise, shall be accorded us. The continuance of **THE HEBREW STUDENT** is no longer a question; it remains to be seen, however, whether the friends of Old Testament learning will render that aid and encouragement which are necessary to make it what it ought to be in respect to size and quality. The regular subscription already numbers nearly *one thousand*. It ought to be three thousand within a year from the date of issue of the first number. The low rate of subscription renders it impossible to pay a commission which will justify any one in entering upon the work of canvassing for it. This work must be done by its friends. There is not a subscriber who could not, if he were so minded, send a list of three to ten additional names. Is there any reason why you should not do this? *Will you not do it?*

Another Professor Of Hebrew At Harvard.—We understand that David G. Lyon, Ph. D., has been chosen as assistant Instructor in Hebrew and the Semitic languages at Harvard University. It is whispered that Dr. Lyon is a former favorite pupil of Dr. Toy. Mr. Lyon is a man of iron industry who, in closing his period of special study at the University of Leipzig, submitted as a thesis on his application for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the Assyrian text of Sargon re-edited with notes. The thesis bore traces of originality and diligent research on every page, and has already called forth high commendations from prominent oriental Scholars. It is known at Leipzig that Dr. Lyon is in high favor with Professor Friedrich Delitzsch, the Assyriologist. The management of Harvard University is to be congratulated on the accession of Dr. Lyon to the working force of one of the oldest of American Colleges. What other American Colleges, following the lead of this advance step of Harvard University, will make provision for a more generous and thorough study within the Semitic field? Any changes in this direction are to be hailed with satisfaction.

Wellhausen.—Julius Wellhausen has just published a book which gives the results of his studies as to the life and work of Muhammed. This prophet calls forth terms of exalted praise. His work, as compared with that of the founder of the Christian religion, receives very favorable consideration.

The book is specially noteworthy, however, as marking a decided change in the plans and work of this unquestionably able scholar whose writings have so greatly stirred the theological world, in these latter days. It is a purely philological study which is here undertaken. The author speaks of it in this manner and alludes to the fact that it is a change from his theological labors. It is understood that not